

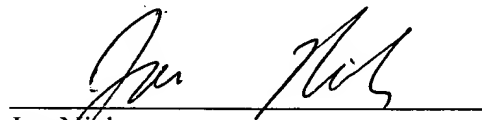
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 5 to overcome the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Apparently the examiner misunderstood the relationship between the sealed end and the score line. In the original application filed on October 9, 2001, it was disclosed in the specification that the channels are "sealed on both ends" and a "score is formed at a predetermined distance from each sealed end". Page 2, Lines 11-12. Page 3, Line 6. Page 4, Lines 22-23. Page 5, Lines 15-16. Page 5, Line 23, to Page 6, Line 1. Page 8, Lines 5-6. Also see Figures 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11. However, to prevent any possible misunderstanding in the future, applicant has amended the claims 1 and 5 to clarify the relationship between the sealed end and the score line.

Applicant has amended the claims to further overcome the rejection. Accordingly, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 are deemed overcome by applicant's amendments and remarks. Applicant hereby respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and a timely Notice of Allowance issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

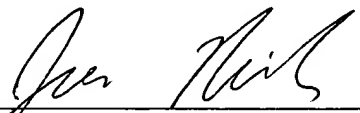


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